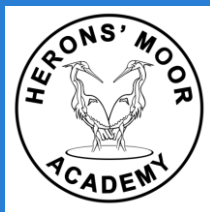


Heron's' Moor Academy Newsletter

December 2024



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Happy Christmas to all our families



Dear Parent/Carer

Our final newsletter of 2024 and we have finished the year with a flourish of events in the academy!

Reception and KS1 have performed fabulously to audiences in their retellings of the Christmas nativity story and KS2 and nursery are very much looking forward to wowing parents this week with their festive singing. Thank you for all your support at these events.



The school choir brought festive cheer to our local community with their wonderful singing at Diamond Court and Summer Lane care homes and Morrisons supermarket.

Enjoy the last week of term and from all of us at HMA, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we will see you return to school on Tuesday 7th January.

Mrs Georgie Tinker

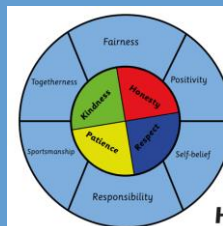
Immediate dates for your diary:

Wednesday 18th December Christmas Dinner

Friday 20th December Ks2 Christmas Carols 9:30 and 2:15pm

January 6th January INSET DAY

January 7th January first day of term



I am kind.
I am respectful.
I am patient.
I am honest.

I am a
Heron's' Moor Citizen

Safeguarding at HMA

As the days grow shorter and it gets darker earlier, we want to remind you of the importance of discussing safety with your children, especially when they are walking home from school. Here are a few key points to cover:

Stay Visible: encourage your children to wear bright or reflective clothing and carry a torch or use the torch feature on their phone.

Stick to well-lit routes: advise them to choose paths that are well-lit and avoid shortcuts through alleys or secluded areas.

Walk in groups: if possible, children should walk with friends or siblings. There is safety in numbers.

Be aware of surroundings: remind them to stay alert and avoid distractions like phones or headphones.

Heron's' Moor Academy - Safeguarding Children

The whole school community at Heron's' Moor Academy is committed to the safeguarding of all our learners - it is everybody's responsibility. We ensure that all adults who carry out any work within our academy have current DBS checks. Our safeguarding policy is available on our website and from our academy office. All adults who work at the school must ensure they are aware of policies and procedures in

relation to the safeguarding of children. When we have concerns about the welfare of a child, we will share relevant information and work in partnership with external agencies. We will always ensure our concerns about individuals are discussed with their parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that this is not in the best interest of the child.

Concerns over the welfare of a child should be shared and discussed with a member of our safeguarding team.



Further information on safeguarding can be obtained from the South West Safeguarding and Child Protection Group: www.swcpg.org.uk or the North Somerset Safeguarding Children Board: www.northsomersetcsb.org.uk



Reminders

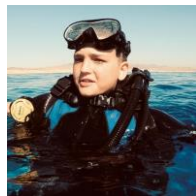
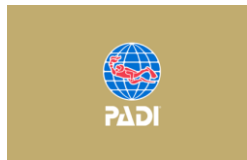
Reception Intake September 2024 (for children born between 1st September 2019 - 31st August 2020)

From 1st September you may apply for a Reception place for your child if your child was born between the dates above. Applications may be made online at www.n-somerset.gov.uk or you may obtain an application pack from the School Admissions and Transport Team at the Town Hall on 01275 888328. **Please note that packs are not available from school.** The closing date for the first round of allocations is at **Midnight on 15th January 2024.**

Please note a change in our Admissions Policy. If you currently have a child in Year 6, the sibling rule still applies, so you will have more chance of getting your child a place. Remember that if your child attends our Nursery, this sadly **DOES NOT** guarantee you a place in Reception, you need to apply for a place in the same manner as all other parents.

Celebrating achievements out of school

Well done to Oscar in Y6 who has successfully gained his certificate in diving PADI - what a fantastic life skill to have obtained after lots of focus, hard work and determination.



Congratulations to Ebony-May in Y4 who came 3rd place recently in a UK nationwide dance competition meaning that she will take part in the World Championships next year in Spain and will be representing our country. Such a wonderful achievement out of school and something to be very proud of.



Attendance

Well done and thank you for maximising your child's learning this term by ensuring that your children are here every day on time. Attendance levels for the school were much improved this term and we are hoping this pattern continues when we return in January.

Medical Appointments

We appreciate that getting appointments at the doctors and dentists can be a bit of a challenge, but if at all possible, can you please try to arrange appointments outside of school hours or during holidays. This would benefit your child as it would cause less disruption to their learning. If an appointment needs to be booked at short notice, the afternoon would be the best option as most English and maths learning happens in the morning.

Daily Reporting of Absence

If your child is so unwell that they are unable to get to school, please contact us on each day of their absence so that we know not to expect them in school.



What a success the PTA disco night was! Thank you to those parents who helped out and to Ade Bowen the DJ for making the event such fun for everyone!



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